

EARLY CHILDHOOD DIRECTION CENTERS - NEW YORK CITY

FACT SHEET

The **Early Childhood Direction Centers** (ECDC), funded by the New York State Education Department, provide free confidential information and referral for families and professionals about services for young children with suspected or diagnosed developmental delays or disabilities. In New York City there is an Early Childhood Direction Center in each borough. Children of families referred to the ECDC should reside in the borough and be between birth and five years of age. <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/techassist/ecdc/home.html>

ECDC staff provides information about and/or referrals for:

- Diagnostic and Evaluation Services
- Infant and Toddler Early Intervention Services
- Transition from Early Intervention to Preschool Special Education Services
- Preschool Special Education Services
- Transition to School Age Special Education Services
- Childcare, Head Start, 3-K and Pre-K for All and other Early Childhood Settings
- OPWDD and other Family Support Services
- Medical, Dental and Other Health Services
- Advocacy

Services provided by the **ECDC** include:

- Linking children and families to available services, supports and programs in New York City
- Referrals to agencies and professionals providing services to young children and their families
- Referrals of infants and toddlers to the New York City Early Intervention Program (EI)
- Assistance with referrals of children to the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE)
- Assistance with accessing kindergarten supports and services
- Follow up telephone contact with families until their child reaches age five
- Workshops and resources for families and professionals
- Technical assistance for early childhood programs

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